silver from scrapped aircraft parts at Santa Cruz Airport in 1982;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Air India failed to proceed with the departmental enquiry as advised by CVC when the case was brought to its notice; and

(c) if so, what was the reasons for not taking action against the employees by the Air India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Investigation of Central Bureau of Investigation had revealed a case of alleged extraction of silver from scrapped engine parts in an Air India workshop. Air-India initiated departmental proceedings on the advice of Central Vigilance Commission. Simultaneously, Central Bureau of Investigation, Bombay had filed a case against the official concerned in a court of law but the official was acquitted by the court. Accordingly, Air-India also dropped the departmental proceedings. However, upon the insistence of Central Vigilance Commission on departmental proceedings, action has been initiated by Air-India.

Gains from World Book Fair

995. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the concrete results of recent World Book Fair held recently in terms of (i) the number of titles sold and their value, (ii) the number of Indian titles sold vis-a-vis foreign titles and their value and (iii) the number of international joint publication agreements reached and the book and publication exchange agreements arrived at;

(b) the cost of organising the fair and the returns made out of it; and

(c) the experiences and views gathered from authors, publishers and book sellers who participated in the fair?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Commercial and other benefits of the 8th World Book Fair held at New Delhi from 5-15 February, 1988 cannot be measured in tangible terms. It is estimated that more than 2.75 lakh visitors visited the fair. Indian Publishing Industry received unparalleled exposure among readers, scholars, librarians, journalists; authors; publishers and booksellers of the world. It is too early to assess total commercial benefits, as final settlement of trade terms, royalty, copyright permission, etc. takes time.

The total expenditure on the World Book Fair is estimated to be about Rs. 60 lakhs out of which a sum of Rs. 28 lakhs was received as rental of stalls from the participants.

Seminars/workshops on different aspects of publishing were organised during the World Book Fair. The authors, publishers and booksellers who participated in the seminars/workshops exchanged their ideas and experiences. The Book Fair enabled the readers, authors, publishers; librarians and booksellers to get acquainted with the latest developments taking place in Publishing and Printing Industry of India and other countries of the world. The organisation of the World Book Fair was generally appreciated.